

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1368

By West

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Christopher R. Caris.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Christopher R. Caris; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caris was an exemplary citizen and consummate professional who abided by the highest principles of excellence in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Fremont High School, Christopher Caris attended Ferris State University and graduated from Western Kentucky University with a bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caris, a man of many talents, was a remarkable fisherman and had recently earned a sponsorship from a major company in the fishing industry, which would have allowed him the opportunity to pursue his lifelong dream to become a professional bass fisherman; and

WHEREAS, while striving toward his goal of fishing on the pro tour, Christopher Caris worked as a member of the management team at the Bellacino's Pizza and Grinders location on White Bridge Road in Nashville, in which position he served with acumen and alacrity and earned the uniform respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caris was an active and devout member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fremont, which he served faithfully; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Caris was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, although the promising life of Mr. Caris ended much too soon, it was filled with the love and companionship of his fiancée, Marianne Purcell, his parents, Ted and Jeannie Caris, his brother, Scott Caris, his nephew, Elliott Valentine Caris, his brother and sister-in-law, Todd and Cathie Caris, and his faithful dogs, Boston and Echo; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Caris leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the passing of this outstanding and immensely gifted citizen represents a great loss to not only the sport of professional fishing but also to the State of Tennessee as a whole, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Christopher R. Caris, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Caris and to his fiancée, Marianne Purcell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.